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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Lindsay

Bill Status: House Energy and Environment
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Bill Topic: ADD FACULTY TO KEY PARTICIPANT DEFINITION FOR HEMP

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact. This bill requires faculty at an institution of higher education to register with the Department of Agriculture in order to engage in industrial hemp cultivation, conforming to federal law. The bill does not affect the revenue or expenditures of any state agency or local government and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Appropriation Summary:

No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status:

The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a key participant must register with the Department of Agriculture in order to engage in industrial hemp cultivation. This bill adds faculty at an institution of higher education to the definition of key participant, which requires faculty to submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history record check in order to be registered. This conforms the state's Industrial Hemp Regulatory Program to federal law.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The individuals subject to the registration requirement are already registered with the department and have completed fingerprint-based criminal history record checks. Because the bill does not affect the revenue or expenditures of any state agency or local government, it is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

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